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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, enclosed are copies of seven (7) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references are all listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449. These references were all cited and distinguished in Applicant's parent application Serial No. 09/239,686 and are not believed to negatively impact the patentability of the present claims.

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